





FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF CORNISH,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1889.

Inventory of the Town, April 1, 1888.

No. of Polls, 264.....	\$ 26,400 00
" Real estate, resident and non-resident....	375,692 00
" Horses, 390; valuation.....	21,068 00
" Mules, 1; "	30 00
" Oxen, 218; "	11,854 00
" Cows, 555; "	13,656 00
" Neat stock, 415; "	6,968 00
" Sheep, 4091; "	7,476 00
" Hogs, 18; "	100 00
" Carriages, 9; "	570 00
" Owners of bank stock, 3, valuation.....	4,600 00
" Owners money at interest, 42; valuation....	33,932 00
" Owners stock in trade, 11; valuation....	6,400 00
" Owners factories and mills, 13; valuation	6,050 00
" Toll Bridge, 1; valuation	10,000 00
" Stock in public funds, 2; valuation.....	1050 00
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Total valuation of the town.....	\$525,846 00

The rate of taxation on each hundred dollars was \$1.17 in money, \$0.29 in labor on highway.

Amount of Tax Assessed.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law, by vote of the town, to be paid in money, was as follows :

For state tax	\$1245 00	
For county tax.....	1414 77	
For support of schools.....	871 50	
To defray town charges.....	2000 00	
For repairs on town house.....	100 00	
For permanent repairs on school houses	50 00	
For the support of schools in addition to that required by law.....	200 00	
Percentage on the above.....	282 95	
Dog tax.....	82 00	
Non-resident highway tax.....	151 86	
Unworked highway tax for 1887, payable in money.....	81 60	
	<hr/>	\$6,479 68

The Selectmen have received and paid into the treasury the following additional sums :

Of the state, interest on literary fund..	161 19	
Of the state, railroad tax.....	178 73	
Of the state, savings bank tax.....	537 94	
Interest on school fund.....	21 56	
Interest on Foss fund for support of poor	112 80	
Received of county for support of coun- ty paupers.....	341 35	
Received of the town of Lebanon, for the support of Caroline Jackson..	107 92	
Received for brick and plank left from record building.....	9 80	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,471 29
Total receipts.....		\$ 7,950 97

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasury as follows :

For Support of Schools.

\$ 1,251 69

For Support of County Paupers.

Julia M. Bartlett.....	\$ 3 75	
Mrs. Emma Fairbanks.....	136 80	
Willie J. Goodwin.....	52 00	
Clarisa Davis.....	65 00	
Charles M. Beers.....	60 00	
Darwin Jordan.....	11 75	
Benjamin F. Nelson.....	10 00	
Mrs. Jennie M. Swain.....	13 48	
<hr/>		\$ 352 78
Transient pauper.....	\$5 00	
Transient pauper.....	2 00	
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For Support of Town Paupers.

Albert Kelley.....	\$ 167 50	
Lucy Fellows.....	145 08	
Mary Burbank.....	3 00	
Stratton Spaulding.....	155 64	
Mrs. Lewis Weld.....	237 74	
Caroline Jackson.....	109 95	
John Root.....	2 50	
N. K. Spaulding.....	83 73	
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Unadjudged pauper—Lucy Mathews..	60 50	
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For Plank, Timber, Tile and Stone.

Wm. H. Harlow.....	\$ 1 78
H. E. Grannis.....	13 99
H. K. Curtis.....	1 60
H. A. Day.....	20 71
J. W. Fitch.....	4 75
F. A. Johnson.....	3 60
Charles Mason.....	9 08
Geo. L. Deming.....	3 27
G. C. Huggins.....	1 20
J. E. Spaulding.....	2 64
Edwin T. Ayers.....	4 05
Wm. W. Poole.....	15 60
C. E. Jackson.....	6 83

H. A. Weld.....	9 18
W. H. Harlow.....	3 30
Rollin Amsden.....	128 04
H. E. Grannis.....	29 81
S. A. Tracy.....	2 11
Wm. C. Smith.....	9 27
Chester Pike.....	4 18
D. D. Bartlett.....	3 84
F. A. Johnson.....	4 89
E. O. Day.....	9 90
J. G. Briggs.....	7 92
E. T. Ayers.....	3 30
Wm. W. Poole.....	2 75
Nathan Harris.....	2 00
S. C. Deming.....	1 87
G. C. Huggins.....	1 35

\$ 312 81

Labor on Highways and Bridges.

Clayton B. Hilliard.....	\$ 2 81
Henry W. Deming.....	2 25
H. K. Curtiss.....	8 12
Orlando P. Burr.....	8 75
Norman A. Deming.....	99
O. A. Kelley.....	4 50
Geo. C. Huggins.....	10 07
Wm. W. Mercer.....	5 86
Henry L. Fletcher.....	8 00
Chas. D. Nevens.....	4 00
Hiram D. Hilliard.....	7 00
Chas. H. Deming.....	5 00
Geo. C. Huggins.....	23 75
Daniel D. Bartlett.....	17 34
Geo. E. Bugbee.....	1 83
Wm. D. Lear.....	13 89
Elmer E. York.....	5 75
John Conlin.....	15 25
Frank P. Ellis.....	4 38
Edwin T. Ayers.....	14 52
Wm. W. Poole.....	30 87
B. F. Clark.....	10 87

C. E. Jackson.....	7 50
John Q. York.....	12 76
Frank L. Johnson.....	1 18
Wm. B. Hildreth.....	15 39
John W. Beal.....	1 25
O. A. Kelley.....	3 77
Geo. C. Huggins.....	94
John White.....	1 25
Leonard D. Spaulding.....	3 11

\$ 256 45

Breaking Roads.

John Conlin.....	\$ 22 00
Michael Sherriden.....	2 90
George Sweet.....	9 90
George Sweet.....	8 55
O. A. Kelley.....	23 40
Edmund Curtis.....	4 45
Napoleon Miller.....	4 10
Joseph Raynsford.....	23 00
Charles E. Curtis.....	7 60
J. S. Chase.....	6 00
F. D. Wiley.....	5 00
C. H. Andrews.....	6 60
Albert Weld.....	4 50
O. P. Burr.....	7 40
Wilbur B. Quimby.....	51 38
Julius Terry.....	6 50
Lemuel Benway.....	5 00
T. A. Allen.....	8 66
E. H. Smith.....	12 61
Alfred Fitch.....	20 00
F. A. Johnson.....	10 62
Levi R. Dole.....	10 75
Jas. E. Spaulding.....	5 87
E. G. Kenyon.....	29 14
J. W. Pierce.....	6 26
C. B. Hilliard.....	20 37
M. L. Walker.....	50 00
J. F. Johnson.....	6 00
Joseph Raynsford.....	6 65
H. W. Deming.....	41 40
L. D. Wood.....	53 49

E. T. Ayers.....	17 36
H. L. Fletcher.....	9 73
H. D. Hilliard.....	6 59
Geo. E. Bugbee.....	16 12
B. F. Clark.....	49 61
Charles Mason.....	2 35
Franklin Burbank.....	3 20
M. J. Deming.....	3 25
D. B. Kinsman.....	6 30
F. L. Johnson.....	10 00
E. S. Deming.....	13 62
N. A. Deming.....	4 92
Wm. P. Johnson.....	7 37
D. B. Dana.....	5 82
A. C. Chadbourne.....	23 15
Geo. L. Cole.....	15 40
Ed. E. Johnson.....	10 93
E. A. Churchill.....	18 75
O. A. Kelley.....	5 75
Wm. H. Harlow.....	11 76
Wm. E. Westgate.....	10 81
N. J. Ellis.....	7 87
Edward T. Ayers.....	12 20
John Q. York.....	9 32
Sanford Colburn.....	18 62
L. Martindale.....	9 08
C. D. Nevins.....	27 75
W. I. Leslie.....	3 00
Geo. Sweet.....	4 12
Wm. W. Balloch.....	16 48
Henry Walker.....	5 75
D. D. Bartlett.....	8 36
Albert Penniman.....	8 61
Nathan Harris.....	10 40
Edward Bryant.....	11 22
Frank P. Ellis.....	2 87
Larnard Powers.....	5 00
Robert Case.....	1 87
Levi L. Chapman.....	4 58
George Jackson.....	5 35
E. O. Day.....	3 27

 \$ 908 61

For Incidental Expenses.

Luther White, money hired by vote of town....	\$ 1000 00
Edmond Curtis, over tax.....	2 00
John C. Boynton, recording births and deaths....	1 95
E. A. Johnson, breaking around town house....	1 88
C. M. Bythrow, over tax.....	1 00
Wilder & Rice, lamp for Selectmen's office, and chairs and table for town house.....	11 00
Windsor Journal Co., printing town reports for 1886 and 1887.....	77 00
J. B. Sanborn, invoice, highway surveyor's and collector's books.....	17 30
H. W. Parker, retaining fee.....	10 00
Ira Colby, retaining fee.....	10 00
Wm. H. Sisson, insurance on town house.....	7 00
Wm. H. Sisson, insurance on school house, divi- sion No. 6.....	8 00
George E. Bugbee, damage to plow.....	75
L. Martindale, for repairs on town house.....	45 46
Earle Westgate, services with road machine.....	2 25
N. J. Ellis, snowing bridge.....	1 50
C. E. Jackson, time and expenses to Concord....	5 50
C. E. Jackson, blank books for town clerk.....	5 25
L. Benway, services with road machine.....	18 25
“ “ “	10 00
C. C. Beaman, building bridge.....	450 00
Geo. Tyler, sections for road machine.....	8 50
C. H. Swain, over tax.....	3 11
Lemuel Benway, services with road machine....	16 50
H. D. Hilliard, work in cemetery.....	2 00
C. H. Andrews, time and expenses to Lebanon..	3 50
S. M. Sherburne, repairs on road machine.....	3 59
T. A. Allen, watering trough.....	3 00
J. J. Lamson, work in cemetery.....	1 00
W. L. Bugbee, watering trough.....	3 00
E. H. Smith, “	2 00
Wm. D. Lear, “	3 00
Luman H. Hilliard, over tax, 1887	1 23
E. S. Deming, damage to wagon.....	4 10
A. W. Fairbanks, watering trough.....	3 00
H. A. Weld, gravel for highway.....	3 00

H. A. Weld, tax notices.....	1 50
John Q. York, watering trough.....	2 00
Herbert Deming, over tax on estate of D. G. Deming.....	7 45
C. H. Weed, county tax.....	1,414 77
S. A. Carter, state tax.....	1,245 00
W. H. Sisson, making warrants and serv. thereon	2 50
Orra S. Bugbee, over tax.....	4 02
Arthur L. Wood, over tax.....	1 17
Wm. H. Harlow, watering trough.....	2 00
Harvey S. Read, building culvert.....	4 75
C. T. Sturtevant, repairs on road machine.....	1 25
A. E. Wellman, labor in cemetery.....	1 75
Chester Pike, gravel for highway.....	1 88
Fred W. Dunsmoor, watering trough, 3 years....	6 00
Herbert Deming, stationery and books for indigent children.....	26 36
James F. Tasker, damage to wagon on highway.	3 00
Chester Pike, gravel for Beaman bridge.....	8 00
“ “ highway.....	2 00
“ watering trough.....	2 00
Wm. M. Evarts, “.....	2 00
Frederick Newman, over tax.....	1 00
Jacob Beal, over tax.....	73
Hiram A. Day, over tax.....	11 70
Robert A. Dannatt, watering trough.....	3 00
Robert A. Dannatt, gravel.....	3 50
Wm. H. Sisson, notifying jurors.....	3 00
Wm. H. Sisson, recording births, deaths and marriages.....	6 15
Albert Penniman, wood for town house and selectmen's room.....	9 00
Geo. E. Fairbanks, printing check lists.....	8 50
C. E. Jackson, doors for vault in record building.	10 62
C. E. Jackson, blinds for selectmen's office....	9 57
Albert E. Weld, services with hearse.....	35 00
M. M. Howard, painting selectmen's room.....	5 60
L. W. Harrington, over tax.....	2 00
G. W. Hunt, recording births and deaths.....	3 50
L. H. Dow, damage to wagon.....	3 00
Charles Tyler, watering trough, 2 years.....	4 00
I. H. Long, 1/2 expenses running line between.	.

Cornish and Claremont.....	7 00
Lemuel Martindale, services as trustee of Foss Fund	10 00
Lemuel Martindale, repairs on town house.....	54 54
Estate of Edward Freeman, over tax.....	18 72
John Root, over tax.....	1 17
Chas. Judd, "	1 00
Estate of Alva Wood, over tax.....	1 89
Estate of Alva Wood, over tax on book for '87..	2 05
Patrick Conlin, over tax on book for '87.....	1 23
Edward Hurley, " " "	1 00
Erwin C. Miller, " " "	97
Estate of James M. Davidson, over tax.....	3 51
Henry A. Weld, non resident highway tax for 1887, paid in labor.....	98 60
Henry A. Weld, non resident highway tax for 1888, paid in labor.....	46 67
Geo. H. Boynton, paint, oil, cloth, &c.	3 20
C. E. Jackson, stationery, postage and telephon- ing	3 64
C. E. Jackson, time and expenses to Newport, 3 times, and Lebanon once.....	9 00
E. O. Day, work in cemetery.....	1 50
H. A. Weld, non resident highway tax, paid in labor.....	85
George C. Boynton, interest on orders.....	4 45
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	\$ 4,876 88

Sheep Killed by Dogs.

Fred W. Dunsmoore.....	\$ 4 00
E. D. Austin.....	1 50
Ed. L. Johnson.....	2 00
Chester Pike.....	25 00
Wm. E. Deming.....	3 00
Orra A. Kelley.....	1 50
L. W. Harrington.....	2 00
Samuel Putnam.....	10 00
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	\$49 00

Abatement of Taxes.

Asked for by Henry A. Weld, for 1887.

Horace Bythrow.....	\$ 1 97
Fred Bates.....	2 23
Daniel E. Carroll.....	1 59
George W. Cary.....	1 23
William H. Cass.....	1 23
B. F. Lewin.....	1 47
Elias S. Leavitt.....	3 53
John W. Lull.....	1 23
Sylvanus Olney.....	8 71
John Root.....	1 23
Edward Pendleton.....	50
Lucius B. Jackson.....	1 10
	<hr/> \$ 26 02

Asked for by Henry A. Weld, for 1888.

James Hunter.....	\$ 2 45
Charles Bythrow.....	2 23
	<hr/> \$ 4 68

For Town Officers' Services.

Frank H. Weld, services as auditor.....	\$ 5 00
Edward O. Day, " ".....	5 00
James W. Fitch, " supervisor....	8 00
William Tandy, " ".....	3 00
Geo. E. Fairbanks, " ".....	12 00
Wm. H. Sisson, " ".....	16 00
John C. Boynton, " town clerk..	10 00
William H. Sisson, " " ".....	20 00
George H. Boynton, " treasurer....	30 00
James W. Fitch, " selectman....	93 83
Chas. H. Andrews, " ".....	111 85
Chas. E. Jackson, " ".....	130 00
Albert E. Wellman, " selectman,'87	6 00
Jacob Beal, " " ".....	4 50
Henry A. Weld, " collector....	75 00
Chester Pike, services as member of school board.....	40 00
William H. Child, services as member of school board.....	38 00

Herbert Deming, services as member of school board.....	30 00	
Frank H. Weld, clerk of school district..	3 00	
George E. Hilliard, clerk in March, 1888,	5 00	
		<hr/> \$ 646 43

Recapitulation.

Total amount received.....	\$ 7,950 97
Amount of orders drawn:	
For support of schools.....	\$1251 69
For support of county paupers.....	352 78
For support of transient paupers.....	7 00
For support of town paupers.....	905 14
For support of unadjudged paupers....	60 50
For plank, timber, tile and stone.....	312 81
For labor on highways and bridges....	256 45
For breaking roads.....	908 61
For incidental expenses.....	4876 88
For sheep killed by dogs.....	49 00
For taxes abated on book, 1887.....	26 02
For taxes abated on book, 1888.....	4 68
For town officers' services.....	646 43
	<hr/> \$ 9,657 99
Balance against the town.....	\$ 1,707 02

Orders Outstanding against the Town.

1888.

Feb. 28	No. 232, George B. Walker.....	75
28	No. 250, Herbert Deming.....	150 00
Apr. 13	No. 4, Luther White, treas.....	1,000 00
Oct. 6	No. 125, S. Richardson.....	1 57
Nov. 17	No. 141, H. D. Hilliard.....	7 00
Dec. 29	No. 208, Orra S. Bugbee.....	4 02
29	No. 209, Arthur L. Wood.....	1 17
29	No. 212, Robert Case.....	1 87

1889.

Feb. 25	No. 238, Samuel Putnam.....	10 00
25	No. 257, Fred W. Dunsmoor.....	4 00
25	No. 261, E. D. Austin.....	1 50
25	No. 264, Wm. H. Child.....	38 25

25	No. 270, Ed. E. Johnson.....	2 00
25	No. 271, Chester Pike.....	25 00
26	No. 283, Robert A. Dannatt.....	3 00
26	No. 284, Robert A. Dannatt.....	3 50
26	No. 286, Wm. E. Deming.....	3 00
26	No. 289, Wm. H. Sisson.....	20 00
27	No. 299, C. E. Curtis.....	5 00
27	No. 300, Orra A. Kelley.....	1 50
27	No. 305, L. W. Harrington.....	2 00
28	No. 315, L. H. Dow.....	3 00
28	No. 317, Charles Tyler.....	4 00
28	No. 345, E. O. Day.....	1 50

\$ 1,293 63

The Liabilities of the Town

Are as follows:

Due on outstanding orders.....	\$1293 63
Due Lemuel Martindale, agent to repair road, unexpended balance.....	22 25
Due for repairs on town house, as per re- port of committee.....	22 65
	<hr/> \$1338 53

The Assets of the Town

Are as follows:

Taxes uncollected for 1888.....	\$ 668 73
Cash in hands of treasurer.....	137 56
	<hr/> \$ 806 29

Leaving a balance against the town of..... \$532 24

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. JACKSON,	} Selectmen of Cornish.
CHARLES H. ANDREWS,	
JAMES W. FITCH,	

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

1888.

Cash on hand March 1, 1888..... \$ 27

Received of the selectmen as follows:

Apr. 14 Money hired to pay claims..... 1,000 00

Dec. 29	Railroad tax.....	178 73
29	Savings bank tax.....	537 94
29	Literary fund.....	161 19
29	For support of county paupers.....	219 89

1889.

Feb. 22	Lebanon, for support of Caroline Jackson	107 92
28	Interest on Foss fund.....	112 80
28	Brick and lumber sold.....	9 80
28	Support of county paupers.....	121 46
28	Interest on school fund.....	21 56

\$2,471 56

Received of H. A. Weld, Collector, as follows:

Interest on 1887 taxes.....	\$ 24 89
Interest on 1888 taxes.....	6 09
Balance of 1887 taxes.....	896 88
Received on 1888 taxes.....	5810 95
	<u>\$6738 81</u>

\$ 9,210 37

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid as principal on old orders.....	\$ 557 70
Paid as principal on new orders.....	8515 11
Cash on hand.....	137 56
	<u>\$9210 37</u>

SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of fund in the hand of Treasurer
deposited in Sullivan Savings Institution \$470 87

DOG FUND.

Received of H. A. Weld, Collector, of taxes assessed on dogs.....	82 00
Orders drawn for damage done by dogs..	49 00
	<u>\$33 00</u>
Balance from report, March 1, 1888.....	\$42 50

Balance of dog fund account, Mar. 1, 1889 \$75 50
Which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. BOYNTON, Treasurer.

Jacob Foss Legacy---Trustee's Report.

The undersigned, trustee of the Foss fund, makes the following report:

June 17, 1881, received of James M. Davidson, former trustee of the Foss fund, the amount of the legacy paid by the executor of the will of Jacob Foss, late of Charlestown, Mass., deceased	\$ 2,820 00
Received as interest on said fund, for the year ending Sept. 14, 1888.....	169 20
Paid the selectmen of Cornish, to be appropriated for the support of the poor of the town..	112 80
Balance of interest to be appropriated for flags, fixtures, and putting up the same	56 40
Add interest unexpended last year....	1 51
	\$57 91
Cash paid C. S. Decker, for three flags and express on the same.....	49 00
Cash paid Geo. H. Boynton & Co., for rope put in flag pole on Cornish Flat	4 27
Personal services.....	4 00
	\$ 57 27
Interest unexpended.....	\$ 64

Which is respectfully submitted,

LEMUEL MARTINDALE, Trustee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO REPAIR TOWN HOUSE.

Cash paid Hiram A. Day, for boards....	\$ 10 00
Cash paid George E. Hilliard for material and work as committee.....	14 80
Cash paid William E. Deming, for drawing brick and lime for town house.....	7 90
Cash paid Martin & Stickney for forty pair blinds for town house.....	30 00
Cash paid Stone & Brewster, for paint, hanging fixtures and hasps for blinds..	12 78
Cash paid Richmond Rawson, for hanging blinds and painting the same.....	20 12

Cash paid William H. Harlow, for drawing sand for town house, bill left out of last year's report.....	2 50	
Bill of Lemuel Martindale in last year's report, not paid.....	19 55	
Bill of Lemuel Martindale for this year, for work and cash paid out.....	5 00	
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Whole amount expended.....	\$122 65	
Cash received of town treasurer.....	100 00	
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Balance against the town.....	\$ 22 65	
Which is respectfully submitted,		
LEMUEL MARTINDALE, for Committee.		

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing financial reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Trustee of Foss Fund, and Town House Committee of the town of Cornish, and find their accounts correct with proper vouchers.

STEPHEN A. TRACY, }
FRANK H. WELD, } Auditors.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

L. S. To the inhabitants of the school district in the town of Cornish, qualified to vote in district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said district on the twelfth day of March, 1889, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1—To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- 2—To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3—To choose a member of School Board for the ensuing three years.
- 4—To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
- 5—To hear reports of Officers, Auditors or Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 6—To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise for the support of schools in addition to the tax required by law.
- 7—To see what sum of money the district will vote for permanent repairs of school-houses, including furniture and apparatus.

Given under our hands at said Cornish, this twenty-first day of February 1889.

CHESTER PIKE,	} School Board
HERBERT DEMING,	
W. H. CHILD,	
	of
	Cornish.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

To the citizens of Cornish we submit our third annual report of the condition and prospects of our schools under the new school law. The opposition and prejudice to our new system seems to be wearing away, and a disposition shown to give the law a fair trial

We have maintained 27 schools, taught by 17 different teachers, (all females) in 13 different school houses during the year.* The aggregate number of weeks has been 248, exclusive of private schools of 12 weeks, giving to each school an average of 9 weeks. The appointment (although not entirely satisfactory to all the patrons of the schools or ourselves) has been the best, on the whole, that could have been made, and has afforded each scholar the privilege of attending school from 21 to 26 weeks each, and by far the greater number of scholars availing themselves of the larger number of weeks. The expense of conveying scholars has largely increased during the year. If the number of schools be diminished, the expense of conveying will be increased; if the number of schools be increased, the less will be the conveyance bills, and to avoid either extreme so that a given sum of money shall accomplish the greatest possible good is our constant aim. We should be glad to maintain more schools, and were our means more ample we could do so.

While we are glad to report a more regular attendance largely due to the influence of the teachers, still there is too much tardiness and absenteeism. Will the parents try and help us eradicate this evil.

We believe the schools will compare favorably with those of any former year. There have been no failures. Every teacher has completed the term of her engagement except in one instance where sickness prevented; and while every school did not meet the expectations of all, yet in the main they were a success, and in several cases eminently so. The difference in results we believe are largely attributable to the different training the teachers have received, and the models each have chosen to work by. This argues the

* These statistics do not include the school of one week taught by Mr. Deming in 7. See report for 7.

necessity of uniformity of equipment, such as the normal school furnishes, or in the absence of this, to get all the benefits of institutes, and teachers' associations where properly conducted. We urge that such an association be formed in town, and we also urge all teachers to take some publication devoted to the interests of common schools. Parents should feel it a duty and a privilege to visit the schools often, thus encouraging the children, and entering more fully into sympathy with the teacher, which are needful *stimuli* to success.

The securing of teachers is one of the most important duties of the school board. The board has been fortunate in arranging for the services of so many of the old teachers, and in several of the schools the same teacher for the year with very satisfactory results. The district last year generously voted \$200 in addition to the amount required by law, and we ask you to raise as much or more this year, that we may be able to keep the length, and number of terms, and quality of schools up to those of last year, and hold our own with other towns. It will also enable the board to continue the old teachers who ought to be retained, for the success of our schools is largely due to these teachers.

SCHOOL HOUSES.—We have not spent any large amount in repairs upon any single house, but have patched the roofs and floors, put in new doors, and put on new plastering where needed. Reference to treasurer's report for amount. The condition of school-houses demands our attention in order to avoid greater loss consequent upon their neglect. Every year the needs in this direction will be more or less, as there are two or three houses even now, that either need new shingling, new plastering or new painting, and nearly all need some repairs. We recommend a sum be raised that will meet these requirements. In Division 10, a new house is needed or extensive repairs should be made.

In previous reports we have advocated free text-books, and we still recommend that the town furnish all books free, as the district furnishes everything else free, why not free text-books, and then the poor child as well as the rich will be provided with all that is necessary for him in obtaining a good common school education. Superintendent of public instruction Patterson in his report of 1888 says: "The patriotic purpose of the public school is universal education, but the object cannot be reached if we throw the expense of text-books upon those who have nothing with which to buy."

The question often is asked where does the teacher's authority in the school begin and end. We would refer you to chapter vii, section 3, school laws, which gives the teacher the entire control of the house and grounds, not only during school hours, but before and after school, and of the children while going to and from school, thus rendering the scholar amenable to the teacher for any misconduct.

We cannot overestimate the importance of our district schools, and their influence upon society and the institutions of our land. Everything should be adopted that promotes their success, and everything avoided that would mar their prosperity. Parents, teachers, school officers, and all others should be united, and zealously labor to advance their interests, remembering that to the common schools of our country, we owe that which distinguishes us from the hordes of barbarism.

This year closes the chairman's services as member of school board, and we wish here to express our appreciation of the uniform courtesy, and respect, shown us by parents, teachers and scholars in all our associations with them, while in the discharge of our official duties.

We make the following individual mention of each school in brief:

DIVISION 1.

The summer term was taught by Miss Gratia S. Chadbourne of Cornish, this being her third term in this division. The school was well disciplined, the instruction thorough, and the greatly improved attendance, due to the teacher, added much toward making this a very successful term of school. The winter term was taught by Miss Emily N. Tracy of Cornish. The beginning of the term was marked with the first element of a successful school, good order. The closing examination showed the same thorough work as in her previous terms. Some fine points of excellence were noticed in reading, recitations all good.

DIVISION 2.

The summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Mattie E. Westgate of Cornish, making her seventh term in this division, all of which have been highly satisfactory to patrons and committee. The ready and correct answers in all the recitations at the closing examinations were a credit to teacher and scholars, and showed that excellent and thorough work had been done.

DIVISION 3.

Summer term taught by Miss Evelyn Tracy of Cornish. Our convictions expressed in last report have been fully verified by Miss Tracy in this her second school. The oral instruction in all branches was systematic and good. The closing examination was very creditable to both teacher and scholars. The winter term was taught by Miss Nettie G. Williams of Cornish, this being her fifth term in this division. Some fine specimens of drawing were exhibited as the work of the scholars, also drawing of maps upon black-board, dialogues, declamations and recitations all good. The results of Miss Williams' thorough and systematic instruction *in all branches* were apparent at the close of her school which we consider excellent.

DIVISION 4.

Summer and fall terms both taught by Miss E. Gertrude Walker of Windsor, Vt. The advancement in all studies made by the pupils shows the result of the teacher's earnest and successful work. Miss Walker has a happy faculty of interesting her pupils in their studies, especially in art. The work done (mostly out of school hours) by these young scholars in art surprised us. The copying of some of Landseer's engravings and other artists' paintings were very fine, and would do credit to older heads. This work done with charcoal.

DIVISION 5.

Both summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Nettie P. Hall of Lebanon, N. H., sustaining her former reputation as a good disciplinarian and earnest and hard working teacher, laboring for the success of her school. Here we found good order and close application to books. Result, good progress made by all the scholars, especially so by all classes in mathematics and book-keeping.

DIVISION 6.

Summer term taught by Miss Ida L. Ford of Danbury. She won the respect of her scholars and patrons, thus laying the foundation for a pleasant and successful term of school. The results were very satisfactory. Fall term taught by Miss L. S. Chadbourne of Cornish. Miss Chadbourne labored earnestly and faithfully with her charge, and the results were very gratifying to scholars and patrons as well as to her employers. The winter term taught by Miss Myra L. Briggs of Claremont. Miss Briggs is a teacher of very fine attainments and is very thorough in all her methods of teaching and

discipline. There was a dropping off in the attendance towards the close of the school, but all who remained made excellent progress. In appreciation of Miss Briggs' services her school was lengthened three weeks by private subscription.

DIVISION 7.

Summer and fall term taught by Miss Emily N. Tracy of Cornish, an experienced teacher, whose good work is well known, and appreciated in this division. Scholars came to learn, and teacher was able and willing to instruct, and they worked together with best of results. A winter term of ten weeks (mostly private) was taught by George L. Deming of Cornish whose large experience and success as a teacher is known to all townspeople, and all concerned in this division were not disappointed at his marked success in this school. Here is a division where the parents show by their action that they believe their children were entitled to their first and most careful attention, and they are certainly deserving of great credit for the generous amount contributed for the support of this school. The scholars by their thorough work showed they appreciated it. On account of the fall term in this division being cut short by sickness in teacher's family, the board continued this school one week.

DIVISION 8.

Summer term taught by Miss Ada P. Wellman of Cornish. Here we found several small scholars under the instruction of a kind hearted and laborious teacher. The closing examination showed a good amount of improvement. Better order would have been an additional excellence. Fall term taught by Miss Mattie E. Westgate of Cornish, a teacher of successful experience. The school was managed in a quiet and orderly way. We are glad to notice oral instruction and clear explanations in all the studies. A profitable school.

DIVISION 9.

Summer term taught by Miss Clara M. Silver of Windsor, Vt. The school though small was under good discipline. The irregular attendance on the part of some of the pupils needs attention. Pupils attending regularly made good progress and the school closed with satisfactory results. Winter term taught by Miss Nellie J. Johnson of Cornish. The school appeared well except in points of order necessary for the best success. We noticed a creditable work in composition and good recitations in the several branches pursued.

DIVISION 10.

Taught in summer by Miss Jennie S. Hill of Washington, a teacher of experience and success. The school maintained full numbers to the end, the register showing but few marks of tardiness or absenteeism. A good degree of progress was made in all the branches taught. Winter term, Miss Lydia S. Penniman teacher. She worked faithfully, and, like her predecessor succeeded in winning the affections of her pupils and good results followed. The attendance was very good which is always an evidence of success. We meet the parents at this school, as we are ever glad to meet them in all schools.

DIVISION 11.

Summer term taught by Miss Addie J. Parker of Windsor, Vt., a teacher of experience and ability, thorough and critical in points of explanations. The register showed too many absences to bring the desired results. The fall term taught by Miss Ada P. Wellman, a resident of this division. Teacher and scholars seemed to be on the most friendly terms. The closing examination was marked with very good progress in all the studies. The maxims quoted by the pupils, from the best authors, would not fail to bring success in any position if carried out.

DIVISION 13.

Enjoyed two terms of school taught by the same teacher. Miss Nellie A. Huntington of Bradford, Vt. This was her first experience in teaching. She labored faithfully with her little charge, and the results were highly satisfactory and creditable to both teacher and scholars. We are constrained to commend the interest taken in the school by Mr. G. C. Huggins, who, beside other favors, contributed one-half the board in summer, and the whole of it in the fall term. Such evidence of interest for the education of children is very gratifying. In like manner any of our schools may be prolonged by its patrons furnishing wood and board for teachers.

DIVISION 14.

Summer term taught by Miss Amy J. Hilliard of Cornish. This is the third term of Miss Hilliard in this school and we think she has done a good work. She had a very interesting little charge who all seem disposed to make the very best of their privileges, and their improvement was very noticeable. Fall term taught by Miss Lydia S. Penniman of Plainfield. She took up the work so well be-

gun in the former term, and continued it to the entire satisfaction of scholars, parents and employers. The school has, of late, been the smallest in the district, but this term it was increased by the addition of four scholars from Division 10.

CHESTER PIKE,	}	School Board
W. H. CHILD,		of
HERBERT DEMING,		Cornish.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DIVISION 1—Emma Sargent, Bertie W. Brown.

Div. 2—May A. Hammond, Nellie V. Withy.

Div. 3—Sadie E. Tracy, Willie B. Tracy, Blanche L. Daniels.

Div. 4—Mertie K. Cole, Clayton L. Bartlett.

Div. 5—Lizzie J. Walker, Lucia E. Walker, Stella E. Case, Mabel E. Reed, Casper J. Short, Hermon L. Walker, Walter E. Walker, Robert A. Case.

Div. 6—Lena E. Kempton (three terms), Ella P. Butman, Winnie E. Stuart (two terms), Jennie S. Bryant (two terms), Lottie B. Little, Geo. H. Bryant, Harry W. Phillips, Ivon C. Weld.

Div. 8—Grace M. Nevens, Lena M. Nevens, Fannie A. Deming.

Div. 10—Amie A. Brown, Verlina R. Pierce (two terms), Edith M. Mace, Alice M. Mace, Emma S. Rowell, Effie A. Rowell.

Div. 11—Fannie V. Thayer, Lena M. Thayer, Willie McCarty.

Div. 12—Austin Huggins (two terms), Mary J. Huggins (two terms).

Div. 14—Emma S. Rowell (two terms), Effie A. Rowell (two terms).

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

RECEIPTS.

General school fund in hands of treasurer, as per report of last year	\$ 29 43
General school fund received of town.....	1201 69
Received of Claremont District as tuition for pupil attending school in district No. 1.....	2 00
Received of J. A. Kendrick for mortar.....	1 00
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	\$1234 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid teachers for summer schools.....	\$429 15
Paid teachers for fall schools.....	189 50
Paid teachers for winter schools	336 50
Paid for teachers' board.....	167 50
Paid for wood	78 15
Paid for conveying pupils to school	28 08
Paid for building fires and care of school houses.....	18 49
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	\$1247 37

Repairs Fund, Including Furniture and Apparatus.

RECEIPTS.

Amount in hands of treasurer as per report of last year,	\$101 24
Received of town.....	50 00
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	\$151 24

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for cleaning school houses.....	\$ 12 05
Paid for furniture	9 23
Paid for labor and materials.....	55 97
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	77 25
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/>
	\$ 73 99
Amount in treasurer's hands, as per report of last year, credited to old district No. 1	\$ 8 33
Credited to old district No. 3.....	\$ 2 38
Credited to old district No. 14.....	\$74 01
Paid in excess of the general average per scholar for the year ending March 1, 1889.....	\$45 06
Due for conveyance from old district No. 14...	11 00
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	56 06
Balance credited to old district No. 14.....	<hr/>
	\$17 95

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount recieved.....	\$1470 08
Total amount paid for schools, exclusive of furniture and apparatus.....	\$1247 37
Amount paid for repairs, furniture and apparatus	77 25

 \$1324 62

General school fund in hands treasurer,	\$42 81
Repairs fund in hands of treasurer....	73 99
Credited to old district No. 1.....	8 33
Credited to old district No. 3.....	2 38
Credited to old district No. 14.....	17 95
Total amount in treasurer's hands.....	<hr/> 145 46
	<hr/> \$1470 08

Due as a liability of the district for conveyance of pupils,	\$52 48
Due as an asset,—tuition from pupils attending school from Plainfield district.....	

HERBERT DEMING,
Treasurer of School Board.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing financial report of School Board of the town of Cornish, and find it correct and properly vouched.

STEPHEN A. TRACY, }
FRANK H. WELD, } Auditors.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Date of Marriage, 1858-8.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age in years of each.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Sept. 11	Windsor, Vt.	Frank E. Weld.....	Cornish.....	28	W.	Farmer.....	Cornish.....	John Weld..... Ann S. Bartlett.....	Dunsmerton, Vt. Cornish.....	Farmer.....	1st	Rev. Nathan S. Hill, Windsor, Vt.
		Mabel N. Mace.....	Cornish.....	19	"		Plainfield.....				1st	
Jan'y 7,	Coashen.....	Henry H. Tasker.....	Cornish.....	34	"	Farmer.....	Cornish.....	James Tasker.....	Cornish.....	Farmer.....	1st	Rev. Josiah Hoopes Goshen
		Lizzie Carrish.....	Cornish.....	11	"		Cornish.....				1st	
Jan'y 10		John Nelson.....	Cornish.....	26	"	Farmer.....	Plainfield.....	Richard Nelson..... E. G. Nelson.....	Bradford, Vt. Portsmouth.....	Farmer.....	1st	Rev. T. J. Jackson Cornish
		Jennie E. Howe.....	Plainfield.....	16	"		Plainfield.....	Henry Howe..... Mary J. Howe.....	Cornish..... Plainfield.....	Farmer.....	1st	
Jan'y 17	Cornish.....	Hiram M. Weld.....	Cornish.....	35	"	Farmer.....	Cornish.....				1st	and C. E. Jackson, J. P. Cornish
		Nellie M. Gillingham.....	Cornish.....	40	"		New York.....				1st	
Feb'y 25	Cornish.....	Wm. D. Spaulding.....	Cornish.....	71	"	Farmer.....	Claremont.....	Beia Spaulding.....	Cornish.....		1st	and Rev. J. T. Jackson Cornish
		Orrilla Langworthy.....	Cornish.....	25	"		Enfield.....	Atlanta Digging.....	Westchester, Vt.		1st	and
May 30,	Windsor, Vt.	Almon E. Mace.....	Cornish.....	40	"	Farmer.....	Plainfield.....	Samuel Mace..... Susan L. Vinton.....	Windsor, Mass. Plainfield.....	Farmer.....	1st	and Rev. S. S. Martyn, Windsor, Vt.
		Ellen F. Sturtevant.....	Cornish.....	35	"		Norwich.....	Julius Terry.....	Boston, Mass.	Farmer.....	2nd	
June 5,	Claremont.....	Wm. W. Poole.....	Cornish.....	46	"	Farmer.....	Barton, Vt.	Oliver Huggins..... Wm. C. Poole.....	Cornish.....	Farmer.....	1st	Rev. Rev. S. McCollister, Claremont
		Mary E. L. Andrews.....	Claremont.....	35	"		Claremont.....	S. Harvey Andrews..... Mary McQuesten.....	Claremont Litchfield, Conn.	Farmer.....	1st	and Rev. J. T. Jackson Cornish
Nov. 17,	Cornish.....	Worth C. Jordan.....	Cornish.....	40	"	Farmer.....	Plainfield.....	Lucy Whitaker..... Rufus C. Newton.....	Plainfield..... " "		2nd	
		Eva L. Leslie.....	Cornish.....	35	"		Plainfield.....	Laura Newton..... Joseph Hillard.....	" " Bradford, Vt.	Farmer.....	1st	Rev. J. T. Jackson Cornish
Nov. 19,	Cornish.....	Clyton B. Hillard.....	Cornish.....	44	"	Farmer.....	Cornish.....	William B. Hillard..... Wm. D. Leisr.....	Cornish.....	Farmer.....	1st	
		Sybil G. Lear.....	Cornish.....	19	"		Cornish.....	Hannah Fletcher.....	Cornish.....	Farmer.....	1st	Rev. J. T. Jackson Cornish
Dec. 13,	Cornish.....	Darwin J. Spaulding.....	Cornish.....	40	"	Farmer.....	Cornish.....	Simon S. Spaulding..... Mahala Salloway.....	Plainfield.....	Farmer.....	1st	
		Minnie Phillips.....	Cornish.....	25	"		Nova Scotia.....	Joseph Cutler..... Mary Sanford.....	Nova Scotia.....		2nd	
Dec. 25,	Cornish.....	Rev. T. O. Harlow.....	Wilton.....	31	"	Minister.....	Stratford, Vt.	George W. Harlow..... Mabel Harlow.....	Tunbridge, Vt. Cornish.....	Farmer.....	1st	Rev. Geo. C. Truitt, Plainfield
		Lizzie S. Chadbourne.....	Cornish.....	23	"	Teacher.....	Cornish.....	Alfred C. Chadbourne.....	Cornish.....	Farmer.....	1st	

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Date of Birth		Sex and Condition.		Living or No. of Child		Color	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Father.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Year.	Place of Birth.	Male	Female	stillborn.	1st, ad, etc.										
Jan'y 19	Corinth		F	L	S	W	Leander Bourdeau	Susan Rowe	W	Corinth	Saloon keeper.	Montreal, P. Q.	Fairfax, Vt.	67	57
Feb'y 5	Corinth	M					Edmund Cordus	Jennie L. Byrhow			Painter	Farmington, Me.	Lebanon	67	57
Mar'y 1	Corinth	M					Darwin Judah	Ella Seet			Farmer	Plainfield	Plainfield	67	58
May 24	Corinth	M					James L. W. Thayer	Ella M. Carroll				Prescott, Mass.	Grantham	54	44
June 1	Corinth	M	F	S			Widfield S. Newman	Mary			Farmer	Plainfield	Plainfield	53	43
Aug 10	Corinth		F	L			Widfield S. Newman	Mary			Farmer	Corinth	Corinth	53	43
Aug 16	Corinth		F	L			George R. Boynton	Lizzie M. Jackson			Merchant	Perkinsville, Vt.	Corinth	54	44
Aug 16	Corinth		F	L			Levi L. Chapman	Effie E. Beal			Farmer	Corinth	Plainfield	54	44
Aug 16	Corinth		F	L			William L. Chadbourne	Minnie S. Wood					Corinth	54	44
Aug 16	Corinth		F	L			Frank F. Royce	Ella F. Lewis					Plainfield	54	44
Aug 16	Corinth		F	L			John W. Beal	Lillian E. York			Farmer	Corinth	Corinth	54	44
Aug 16	Corinth		F	L			Herbert Denning	Nelle L. Hillard					Corinth	54	44
Aug 16	Corinth		F	L			Frank A. Rice	Theresa Hardy			Farmer	Corinth	Corinth	54	44
Aug 16	Corinth		F	L			Fred Billings	Elice Marshall			Machinist	England	Vermont	54	44
Aug 16	Corinth		F	L			Robert Lewis	Lillian Beal			Farmer	Corinth	Corinth	54	44
Oct. 10	Corinth		F	L			Fred A. Spaulding	Emma T. Olmstead			Fireman	Rockford, Ill.	Chicago, Ill.	54	44
Oct. 13	Corinth		F	L			Harry A. Harris	Wells Jones			Blacksmith	Wendover, Vt.	Corinth	54	44
Oct. 13	Corinth		F	L			Wells Jones	Ella E. Wilson			Farm Laborer	Jamaica, Vt.	Corinth	54	44

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNSH, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1888.

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* If deceased was under fifteen years of age. † Farmer

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM H. Sisson, *Town Clerk.*

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